

IN THE CLAIMS

The claims of the application, as amended, are:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (New) A cable management system which includes:

a desk;

a user module mounted on the desk and including a plurality of peripheral port connectors for connection to respective desktop user interface devices;

a workstation computer;

an umbilical cable linking the workstation computer to the user module to provide connections between the peripheral port connectors and the workstation computer; and

a releasable mass connector coupled to said cable and arranged such that the workstation computer can be disconnected from the peripheral port connectors by releasing the mass connector.

12. (New) A cable management system according to Claim 11 in which the workstation computer is mounted on a trolley.

13. (New) A cable management system according to Claim 12 in which the trolley is located beneath the desk.

14. (New) A cable management system according to Claim 11 in which the user module is releasably engaged with a base unit which is attached to the desk.

15. (New) A cable management system according to Claim 14 in which the base unit includes a communication bus having a communication port for connection of the bus to at least one remote signal source.

16. (New) A cable management system according to Claim 15 in which the base unit includes a bus connector for connection with said user module such that the workstation computer which is coupled to said user module is operably connected to the bus via the respective bus connector.

17. (New) A cable management system according to Claim 16 in which the base unit includes a plurality of bus connectors for connection with a plurality of such user modules.

18. (New) A cable management unit for use with a desk and a workstation computer, which includes:

a user module adapted to be mounted on the desk and including a plurality of peripheral port connectors for connection to respective desktop user interface devices;

an umbilical cable for connection to the workstation computer and the user module to provide connections between the peripheral port connectors and the workstation computer; and

a releasable mass connector coupled to said cable and arranged such that the workstation computer can be disconnected from the peripheral port connectors by releasing the mass connector.